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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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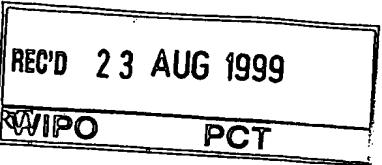
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT



(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 5525-0035.41	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.			
Applicant LYNX THERAPEUTICS, INC.			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments):

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages 1-30, as originally filed.

pages NONE, filed with the demand.

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims, Nos. 1-7, as originally filed.

Nos. NONE, as amended under Article 19.

Nos. NONE, filed with the demand.

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Nos. _____, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings, sheets/^{fig} 1-10, as originally filed.

sheets/^{fig} NONE, filed with the demand.

sheets/^{fig} NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

sheets/^{fig} _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE.

the claims, Nos. NONE.

the drawings, sheets/^{fig} NONE.

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-7</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-7</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-7 lack novelty and an inventive step under PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) as being anticipated and obvious over Wilding et al. (U.S. Patent 5,587,128) respectively:

Wilding et al. teach a device for amplifying a preselected nucleic acid in a sample by conducting a polynucleotide amplification reaction. The device includes reaction chamber, one port in fluid communication with reaction chamber (see column 4, lines 10-60) and detection means (see column 8, lines 54-65). The reaction chamber may also comprise a plurality of reaction chambers (see column 9, lines 15). The chamber may also include protrusions which are beads coated with a polynucleotide probe and immobilize amplified polynucleotide (see column 9, lines 15-53). The port in fluid communication has a depressible member 85 which can be functioned as a dam (see column 18, lines 49-52). The features of the device of Wilding et al. anticipate and are obvious over claims 1-7 respectively.

Claims 1-7 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because the apparatus is useful in an industrial application for sequential processing of plurality of analytes.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

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Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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CLASSIFICATION:

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:
IPC(6): G01N 21/00, 21/29, 21/64; B01J 10/00; C07H 19/00 and US Cl.: 422/50, 55, 82.05, 82.07, 129; 536/22.1

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**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER	IPC 6 G01N21/77 G01N21/64
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 6 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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